A brief DECLARATION OF THE Severall passages in the Treaty concerning the Surrender of the Garrison OF LUNDY, Formerly Commanded by Tho. Bushell Esq; GOVERNOUR thereof for His MAJESTIE.

Die Sabbathi 10 Julii, 1647.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, That upon delivery up of the Isle of Lundy to the Lord Viscount Say and Seale, or his Assignes, by Mr. Tho: Bushell, the Delinquency of the said Mr. Bushell be taken of; and all Sequestration in respect thereof discharged, and he restored to all his Estate, with such right as he or his Assignes had in the Mines of Devonshire, Wales, or Cornwall, before these troubles. And that the men that were with him in the Island, being not men of quality, be pardoned and freed from Delinquency and Sequestration. H. Elsing Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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LETTER

To the Bailiffs

SIR,

IT may be called a happineſſe, when an ingagement in a hopeleſſe deſign is not beyond the poſſibility of a retreate, and an opportunity with Honour to draw back, may not then in prudence be ſlighted; *Sir*, I conceive it is your caſe, and ſome hints received, gives me to believe that you will not be ſo mindleſſe of yours, and the Kingdoms condition, as not ſeriouſly to conſult with your reaſon, how to mannage a ſafe retreate, ſince it is every way probable, that going on is unavoydably deſtructive: Beſides, how can thoſe parts and ingenuities that I hear do lodge in your breaſt, but inſatiably thirſt after the good and honour of this Nation; and can you imagine any other way under God that it may be procured, but by a Parliament? Me thinks ſuch motives from within your ſelf, ſhould ſtir you to yield a willing and ready ſubmiſſion to that ſupream power, the glory of this Nation, in which the King is neceſſarily included: Neither can you forget what former ingagements that Noble Lord, that is concerned in the place you hold, hath put upon you in the buſineſſe of your Mines, and now you have an opportunity at once to congratulate him for ancient favours, and to ingage him to new of the like kinde, which if you would on your part ſurrender him but his own, it would be by him ſo deeply reſented, that I am confident, upon good grounds, you might expect from him the utmoſt that in honour and honeſty he could do for you, both in making up your breach with the Parliament, and for the procurement of your Mines, and Cuſtomes. *Sir*, Omit not this opportunity, the Summer is now drawing on, and then you may well imagine that your condition will be lower, & your tearms (if any) harder: if you will be pleaſed to afford me an anſwer, you may direct it to my Garriſon of *Swanzey*, where, ſaving my fidelity to the Cauſe, I ſhall be ready to the utmoſt to expreſſe my ſelfe

Sir,

Swanzey, Jan. 12. 1645.

Your humble Servant,

Phil. Jones.

For Tho: Buſhell *Eſquire, Governour of* Lundy.

SIR,

YOurs of the 12 of *Jan.* I received the 16 of *March*, the substance of which, I confesse to be good counsel, and true, except in your too full expressions, of what I cannot pretend to my abilities; but concerning that honourable person you mention, to whom, for his particular obligations, I shall ever endeavour to expresse my selfe a thankfull acknowledger: And I hope his Lordship entertains so charitable an opinion of me, that it never entred my thoughts to make use of his Lordships Isle, either to his dislike, or prejudice, which I protest I only adventured on, to prevent a worse Inhabitant, and to make use of its conveniency for my poor affairs in the Mines I undertook to discover at *Commartin*, for the generall good, which I have better hopes in, and shall account richer, because they were setled to me in Parliament, by his Honours favour: and withall the retirement of this place, as a means to disingage the obligations of my friends, the only earthly riches I aim at. Now Sir, to vindicate my selfe to you, to whom I desire I were better known, the bearer having so fully acquainted me with your worth, I have sent you the Copy of a Letter, which not long since I wrote to Mr *Goodier* of *Heathrop* in *Oxfordshire*, and Mr *James Ingram* of the Fleet, who are well known to my Lord about an exchange of some Lands I have in those parts for this place, which lyeth near his Lordship; but for those conditions you mention, when his Honour clearly understands the sincerity of my heart, I am confident there will be no dispute between us, it being a place of such privacy, as my disposition is well known to affect, had not the troubles of these unhappy times made me more in love with; so that should his Lordsh: through any mans suggestion, and misunderstanding of my innocent intention, be invited to a rough proceeding with me, his Lordship may perchance sacrifice a true servant, but one who will never expresse himself an enemy; for I am resolved to leave the place to his Majesty, who first intrusted me with it, rather then enjoy it without his Honours consent, and so remaining, Sir,

Lundy, 19 *March*. Your humble Servant,

1645. *T. B.*

My dear Friends,

ALthough the distractions of these times have many wayes added to my Melancholly, yet me thinks I suffer in nought so much, as in that they permitted me not to see you, nor to give you an account of my proceedings in the hopeful Mines of *Commartin*, which I doubt not, with my Customs, will soon put me in a condition to requite all courtesies of a fruitfull gratitude, especially if you can treat with my Lord *Say* for this Isle of *Lundy*; which place, though in it self is desolate and stormy, and hath nought to invite an Inhabitant, except one of my temper, who therefore loves it, because it seems of kin to the Isle I lived in before, as also in regard it lies convenient for our Mines at *Commartin*; I do therefore again desire you to take the first opportunity to acquaint my Lord *Say*, that if any thing I have in *Oxfordshire* may better please him then this remote Rock, let his Honour make his own conditions, and I will stand to them, although it proves of greater value. I remain,

Your Servant.

Lundy, 19 *Feb.* 1645. *T. B.*

For his honoured Friends James Ingram, *and* Edmond Goodier, *Esq.*

SIR,

IN consideration, you live on an Island, where you may not have the certainty of what God in his gooneſſe hath done for *Englands* well-affected ones; I being by the High Court of Parliament placed Vice-Admirall of these Seas, have thought it fit to send you these Summons, and that God may as well touch your heart, as he hath done many other of your side, I thought needfull to declare to you, that not only all the West (except some 5 places) are come in obedience to the Parliament, but almost all *England*, as by the incloſed List of victories doth appear (to God be the glory) And that happily you may plead you wil do what the King doth, here I send you the copy of his Letter to the High Court of Parlia: to come in; as also, a Copy of what entertainment is at *London* provided for him, that so if you be not wilfully blind, you may see in what a forlorn condition you will be in, if you surrender not the Island to his right masters use. Your positive answer he expects, that would be your friend, if you would be your own, and so rests,

Happy Entrance, *Regis* under *Lundy*,
20 *April.* 1646. *John Crouther.*

Worthy SIR,

I Have received your Summons, and to let you know my reſpects and affection I have to the owner of this Iſle, as likewiſe to the Parliament, preſerving my loyalty to the King my Maſter; I have ſent you the Copy of my Letter to the Governor of *Swanzey*, and his Majeſty, concerning the ſame, which I expect daily an anſwer, the which if it cannot ſatisfie your diſpoſition for the preſent, I muſt be forſt to ſtand upon my own defence, in regard I value my reputation above life or fortune, and ſo with my hearty thanks for your news, in that hopes it gives me of a deſired peace, I remain

Your true Friend and Servant if you pleaſe,

From *Lundy* 20. *April*, 1646. T. B.

SIR,

HAving received this incloſed from the Committe of both Kingdoms, I have ſent this Drummer unto you, giving you this aſſurance, that if you pleaſe to repair to my head quarters, or to any other place in the Parliaments quarters, to ſpeak with ſuch as my ſelf, or my Lord *Say* ſhall appoint to meet you; you ſhall have a ſafe conduct for your comming, and return: or if you think not fit to come forth of the Iſland your ſelf, to ſend one to ſignifie your minde concerning this buſines of my Lord *Sayes*, or to him he ſhall appoint here with me,

Your Servant *T. Fairfax.*

Columb. John-houſe 8. *April.* 1646.

Die Lunæ 12 *January.* 1645.

At the Committee of both Kingdoms at Darby Houſe.

IT is Ordered that a propoſition be made to Mr. *Buſhell*, that if he will deliver up the Iſle of *Lundy*, this Committe will uſe their endeavors with the Parliament, that he may be reſtored to his Intereſt in the Silver Mines.

Gualter Froſt Secret. to the ſame Committee.

SIR,

SIR,

YOurs of the 8 of this moneth I received not till this morning, elſe I had returned a ſooner anſwer; that had not your occaſions removed you from theſe parts, I would not have failed to have waited on your Excellencie, for I ſhould have thought your promiſe Sir of my free return to be more impregnable then *Lundy*; but to let you know the clearneſs of my proceedings, and my true reſpect to my Lord *Say*, I have incloſed theſe *Letters*, which at your leaſure you may be pleaſed to peruſe; aſſuring your Honour, that I will diſpatch a friend with all the ſpeed I can to his Lordſhip, and I doubt not of procuring a way both to deſerve the continuance of his Lordſhips friendſhip, and to preſerve my fidelity to the King my maſter, which I hope your Honours patience will allow me, having no other deſigne, but to preſerve my fortune, for the diſcharge of my debts, to which if your goodneſs will but countenance, t'may be reckoned amongſt your victories; and will oblige many more beſides,

Lundy 3 *April.* 1646. Sir, your humble Servant,

T. B.

For his Excellencie, Sir Thomas Fairfax, *&c.*

May it pleaſe your Excellencie,

ACcording to your commands, and my promiſe, in my laſt Letter, I have ſent this Gentleman my kinſman to waite upon your Honour and my Lord *Say*, to whom I have given full power to conclude my Surrender of *Lundy*, having obtained my Maſters conſent thereunto; and to that purpoſe I have likewiſe deſired him to wait upon his Majeſty, whoſe goodneſs I am confident will not deny me a favour of a higher nature, and without which, a grant were it of the Indies, ſhould not invite me to it, for I am reſolved what ever becomes of me, my name ſhall never be found amongſt theirs, who have betrayed their truſt, which fidelity I preſume your Honour cannot but approve of, where he is an enemy, who is

Your humble Servant,

Lundy 14 *May.* 1646. *T. B.*

For his Excellency Sir *Tho. Fairfax*, &c.

An

An answer to the Vice-Admirals Message.

SIR,

IN Answer of your Message, whether I keep this Isle wholly for the King, or for the King and Parliament, the which for to prevent any mistake: Know Sir, I was trusted by the King, and keep but my private family, without injuring of any, which obligeth me to preserve, untill I have a return of the Treaty inclosed, sent by an Order from the Honourable Committee of both Kingdoms, with a Letter of His Excellency, Sir *Tho. Fairfax*, wherein to accommodate their Honours desires, and preserve my own reputation with the King my master, I did upon sight thereof, dispatch my friend and kinsman to conclude the business, but if you, or any other, shall conceive my proceedings to be not justifiable in your own conscience, before God and man, let the bloud that is spilt light upon those that are the occasion, so remains

Your Friend and Servant, as I finde you mine,

T. B.

Happy Entrance *Regis* in *Lundy* Road. 20 *May*. 1646.

May it please your Majesty,

THe inclosed I received from my Lord *Says* servant, who is now Governour of *Swanzey*, which I conceive was sent by his Lordships direction, wherein he invites me to the surrender of this Isle, being his Lordships knowne purchase; in the perusall of which, I was not at all startled at the threats therein, but must confess my selfe moved at the obligation it minds me of, with which I formerly acquainted your Majesty in the presence of my Lord of *Dorset*, since which Captain *Crouther*, Vice-Admirall of these Seas summoned me to surrender this place. And not long after Sir *Tho. Fairfax* sent a Drummer with his Letter, and an Order from the Committee of both Kingdoms, wherein they proposed their assistance in restoring me to my Interest in the silver Mines, if that I would deliver up this Island to my Lord *Say*. Your Majesty well knoweth how I have maintained *Lundy* at no other Contribution but my own, and how chearfully I have exposed my friends, and my own credit for your service, as well as exhausted them in the discovery of the

Mines

Mines royall; beſides the place in it ſelfe is uſeleſſe, except in ſome advantages it may yield to me, if your ſacred Majeſty would be pleaſed to vouchſafe me leave to expreſs my gratitude to my Lord *Say*, by my quiet and free ſurrendring it, which I hope your goodneſs will not deny me, but if otherwiſe, your Majeſty ſhall require my longer ſtay here; be confident Sir, I ſhall Sacrifice both life and fortune, before the Loyalty of

Your obedient humble Servant,

Lundy 14. *May*, 1646. *T. B.*

His Majeſties Anſwer to Mr. Buſhell, *concerning the ſurrender of* Lundy.

BUSHEL,

WE have peruſed your Letter, in which We finde thy care to Anſwer thy truſt We at firſt repoſed in thee; now ſince the place is unconſiderable in it ſelf, & yet may be of great advantages unto you, in reſpect of your Mines, We doe hereby give you leave to uſe your diſcretion in it, with this Caution, that you doe take example from Our ſelves, and be not over-credilous of vain promiſes, which hath made Us great, only in our ſufferings, and will not diſcharge your debts.

From Newcaſtle 14. *July*, 1646.

May it pleaſe your Honours,

HAving received your curteous Order of Treaty concerning my ſurrender of *Lundy*, incloſed in a Letter from his Excellency Sir *Tho. Fairfax*, by the hands of his Drummer; I held it an obligation of my duty to diſpatch my friend and kinſman unto your Honours for the concluſion of the buſineſs, but inſtead of an expected reply, I was reſummoned by Capt. *Crouther* the Vice-Admirall; as alſo my ſervants hath been ſince apprehended and impriſoned as Traytors againſt the State, which in it ſelfe I value not, but as it concerns your Honours, and his Excellency Sir *Tho. Fairfax*, who aſſured me the ſafety of my own perſon, much more my ſervant; for if theſe be the fruits of your Honourable favors, or the Parliaments peace with me, who ever honour them next to my Maſter: I ſhall henceforwrd give no credence to man, but will prepare my ſelfe for what condition the Almighty ſhall diſpoſe me, in being confident of a happy

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iſſue; having never wronged any in theſe times of publique Rapine, where commands are now only ſought, either to betray or oppreſſe the Country, in which Catalogue I aſſure your Honors, my name ſhall never be found; for if your patience will not give me leave to part fairely with *Lundy*, and at once to expreſs my fidelity to my maſter, and my reſpects to your Honours, the world ſhall then ſee at how cheap a rate I value my life or fortune, when they ſtand in competition with my truſt; and therefore I hope your Honors wiſdoms will adviſe of ſome Nobler way, then in time of Treaty and compliance to ſurprize ſo mean an encounter, as me and my poor family, which covets to remain

Your humble Servant.

Lundy 14 *June*, 1646.

For the Honourable Committee of both Kingdoms.

May it pleaſe your Excellencie,

I Have taken the boldneſs to vindicate your Honour, the Vice-Admirals Summons, and preſerve a right underſtanding of the propoſed Treaty to me, from the Honorable Committee of both Kingdoms concerning my ſurrender of *Lundy*; that their Pious Order, nor your good intentions according to the Noble preſidents of your other actions may not be blaſted by the errors of others ends, unleſs they can aſſure their rough proceedings to carry a palm of victory in their hands with leſs prejudice, then your wiſdoms hath preſcribed the way for.

Sir, your humble Servant, *T. B.*

Lundy 14 *June*, 1646. For his Excellency Sir *Tho. Fairfax.*

My Honoured Lord,

I Have received your Noble Letter the 20 of *June*, and likewiſe an Order from the Honorable Committee of both Kingdoms the 12 of *April*, the which, in obedience thereunto, and for preſerving my loyall duty to the King my maſter, I did then ſpeedily return the incloſed Letter by my friend and kinſman, for ſetling of the buſineſs in ſuch a way, as I conceive might not infringe my fidelity to his Majeſties truſt, nor in concluſion, be wanting of my gratitude to your Lordſhip. Be pleaſed therefore to have but a little patience that I may perform the ſame Juſtice to your Honour, as I would have done to my ſelfe, without any prejudice to your Lordſhip, or repentance to your Ser-

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vant; and the harveſt ſhall be ſuch, as your poſteritie may have juſt cauſe to bear in memory my integritie to your Honour, and my demeanor to my Country: For having received a ſecond Letter from your Lordſhip, that his Majeſties pleaſure is to command all Garriſons ſhould be ſurrendred upon Honourable tearms, it were an ignoble Act in me, to keep away the inheritance from him that I am ſo much obliged to honour as your Lordſhip, and therefore that your own conſcience might witnes how deſirous my affection is to obey your Honours commands, I am willing to diſcend to the loweſt condition of honourable tearms that can be admitted by the Laws of morality, reaſon, or religion, which is in a word, to have but my poor eſtate as well reſtored me for the payment of my juſt debts, with an Act of Oblivion for my ſervants, as I have been carefull to preſerve your Honours Iſle at my own charge, without doing the leaſt injury to any; and for the ſame purpoſe I have recommended the overture of my humble demands, to the Honourable Court of Parliament, by one Mr *Squire*, who was ſent to me from the Honoured Committee of *Devon*, to Treat upon the like tearms, which makes me the more aſſured of a happy iſſue; knowing their Piety, my own innocency, and your Lordſhips inclination to Juſtice, I remain,

My Lord,
Your Honours obliged Servant,
T. B.

Lundy 28. *June*, 1646.

For the Right Honourable, the Lord Viſcount *Say*, and *Seal*.

Mr. Buſhels *demands to the Honourable Committee of both Kingdoms upon their Treaty for his ſurrendring* Lundy.

THat having on his part obtained his Majeſties conſent for delivering up the Iſle into the honourable hands of the right owner, with the conſideration of his ſeverall loſſes by Sea and land, and his great charges in the fortification thereof, to preſerve a retired condition, ſo that it fears no enemy, was by himſelfe humbly deſired, but to have an Act of Oblivion for his ſervants, and his own Eſtate reſtored him towards the payment of his juſt debts, & following his publike calling in Minerals; as alſo their honorable countenance, ſo far as they finde his actions correſpõdent, for the good of the cõmon-wealth, *viz.* His ſeveral

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grants of the Mines, Mint, and cuſtoms of Lead, with his goods and Eſtate at *Enſton*, to be reſtored him, and confirmed in Parliament: As alſo 100 Tuns of his own Lead, and 100 Tuns of Potters Ore, to be brought from his Mines in Wales to *Bydeford*, for the better diſcharge of his debts in *Devon*, and recovering the deſerted works of his Mines at *Commartin*, before he ſurrender the Iſle of *Lundy*: with ſuch priviledges for his Miners, and the ſaid Pariſh of *Commartin*, where the Mines Royall is found, as the Laws of other Nations allow, in caſes of like nature.

SIR,

IT did much aſtoniſh my underſtanding, to hear that the Honourable Houſe of Parliament, ſhould in their wiſdoms diſtribute thoſe Mines of Wales, to my enemies, when their better judgement can well remember, my chargable adventures grew ſo great, as my undertakings were pitied by my friends, and inſulted over by men more willing to condemn, then to examine, untill the diſpoſer of all things had repleated my indeavors, with the gift of his providence: As likewiſe the heavy burden of their diſpleaſures, in beſieging me and my poor family at Sea, and barring all commerce from me by land, knowing that my conſcience witneſſeth I ever honoured them next to my Maſter, nor never injured any in theſe times of Common Rapine, without it were in my humble requeſting the reſtitution of my poor fortune, for the payment of my juſt debts, or the freedom of my ſervants to work in the ſaid Mines, whileſt I Petition Heaven for a further diſcovery of his mercies towards me, in this my retirement to the naked promontory of *Lundy*, the conſiderations whereof, hath ſo redoubled my griefes, that if I had not made a reſignation of my ſufferings in ſoule, body, and eſtate, to the eternal and Divine power of Juſtice, for contemning the revenge of injuſtice, my diſpoſition of humane patience would have been tranſported into weak paſſions, and followed the inſtructions of thoſe who adviſed me to take goods at Sea, unleſs I were reſtored my right at land; but ſuch Counſellors are fit for warre, and not for peace, for Heathens, not for Chriſtians, when the remedy is worſe then the diſeaſe; and therefore you may be confident Sir, the loweſt condition of miſery, ſhall not inforce me to an act of violating that moral and Divine Law, (do as you would be done unto) which hath made me depoſite

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double the value in your maſters hands, *I. C.* for what commodities my conſtrained neceſſity compels me to borrow from your ſhip called the *Fortune*: This being the occaſion, and true ſtate of my condition, I hope your charity will judge friendly of him, who covets to requite ſuch a Chriſtian-like courteſie.

Lundy, 20 Sept. 1646. *T. B.*

For the Maſter of the Barque called the Fortune.

SIR,

GIve me leave lovingly to queſtion your judgement, for omiting this fair opportunity, in making up your breach with the Parliament, ſince all other garriſons are ſurrendred except yours of *Lundy*, which is generally conceived, will no wayes advance the Kings cauſe, as things now ſtand, nor your credit to keep the Iſle from the right owner, but be certain to increaſe yours, and my ſufferings that is deeply ingaged for you: wherefore I hope your prudent care, and profeſt honeſty will look as well upon your friends miſer y, as altogether the ſervice of his Majeſty, and not leave me to the mercy of an enemy, nor your ſelfe expoſed to the trophy of their pity, when it now remains in your power to remedy the one, and come off with Honourable tearms in the other; knowing by Proclamation your paſt and preſent Actions, is charged as the greateſt crimes, and to thoſe that ſhall relieve you, conceived as Traytors againſt the State, for your forwardneſſe in recruiting his Majeſties Army with a thouſand Miners, at his firſt entrance to theſe Warres, cloathing his ſouldiers, ſupplying his Magazine with Ammunition of Lead, and bringing your Mint from the Caſtle of *Aberiſtwith*, to pay them; as alſo diſobeying their ſeverall Summons by Sea and Land, for ſurrendering *Lundy*: Theſe, with many other accuſations, if not timely prevented, will I fear fall fatall upon your life and fortune, which God in his good time avert, ſhall be the daily prayers of *Your faithfull friend*,

20 *Auguſt*, 1646. *J. J.*

Mr. Buſhels *Anſwer to a Friends Letter, which by way of Admonition threatneth his life and fortune.*

SIR, TO prevent your fears, and ſeeming jealouſies of my proceedings, I have not only ſent your deep ingagements

ments canſelled, as an affection I bear to friendſhip, but likewiſe my innocent anſwer, and reſolution here incloſed, of thoſe pretended crimes laid to my charge in the lining of your Letter, being confident it will ſatisfie the moderate hearers, if not aggravate by malevolent ſpirits, whoſe envy I ſo much contemn, as were my perſon upon the Scaffold of execution, I ſhould ſignifie the ſame expreſſion, and pity their judgements that have ſurrendred thoſe ſtrong garriſons of the Kings, or were not forward to maintain the Royalty of his Majeſties legall Rights, in regard I fear the honour and fidelity of our Engliſh people to their Soveraign Prince will thereby be called in queſtion, and through their own tranſgreſſion be puniſhed by another Nation, which is the only cauſe, I ingenuouſly profeſſe, makes me covet to maintain the place at my own charge, rather then be in the Liſt of ſo prodigious a Story to future poſterity, without any diſreſpect to the Honourable Owner, whom I am obliged to honour in a fruitfull gratitude next to my Maſter. Thus is the condition and intention of your ſervant, that conceives it more ſecure in point of morality, reaſon, and Religion, to pay my tribute debt due to nature, for performing the commands of my juſt Prince, then live to enjoy any earthly content with a guilty conſcience, by betraying the truſt of Gods Anointed; and therefore to deny the truth of my actions, were to deny my Maſter, which for replication to your objection, I ſhall reduce the reaſons that induced me to it, as I muſt give an account at the high Tribunall; That my complyance to ſerve his Majeſty, was not out of an ill reſpect to the Honourable Parliament, but as a loyall duty to my Maſters Commands, and in a confident hope to ballance the breach between King and Parliament, as no forc't power ſhould not be able to take away the regality of his Soverain Rights, nor his Prerogative trench any more upon the priviledge of his native Subjects, being his ſworn ſervant before the Wars, and I conceive permitted by the Parliaments Honourable Order to attend his perſon, whoſe mint, is well known to the meaneſt man, that it was his Majeſties, and therefore in me double ungratefull if I had not reſtored it; diſobedient if not obeyed his Commands for conducting his Miners, or unworthy of ever farming his Mines Royall, if refuſed him a parcell of his own Lead for his money, being then at the Parliaments pleaſure to command the like; and for my retirement to *Lundy*, it is well known, the occaſion

caſion was my affection to ſolitude, the preſſing of my Miners at *Commartin*, as alſo to prevent an ill Inhabitant, which ſhould have prejudiced the Kings cauſe, the Countries traffick, and ſurprize the honourable Owner from his purchaſed right, but to demean my ſelf ſo therein, as my conſcience might not accuſe me of an unjuſt act during the Government, nor the adjacent Countries be charged with the maintenance: And for clothing the Kings Army, I am confident the Common-wealth will receive as much benefit thereby, as my ſervice therein hath done his Majeſty; for having the Cuſtoms of Lead aſſigned me in ſatisfaction of my great diſburſements, it obligeth my diligence the more to diſcover new Mines, and recover the old, when I have no other hopes of re-imburſing my ingagements, but by increaſing the ſtaple commodity of Lead, which is as well known to the general State much decayed, as my particular adventures can witneſſe to the world my diſcovery: Beſides ſir, your better judgement may well conceive others would have undertaken the ſervice, and not be ſo carefull of ſurpriſing plundred Clothes from the unruly ſouldiers, with buying it again, to the full value of the right owners, which I refer for proof to the poor men that made it by their honeſt calling, and ſo committing you to Gods protection as my innocent preparation to this Summons of death in your Letter of admonition, which to queſtion your ſecreſie, having made you my Confeſſor, were a ſin in Your ſervant,

Lundy, 24 Sept. 1646. *T. B.*

SIR,

I Have received, my Honourable Lord, your Fathers Letter, and the Honourable Committees Order, to treat with you concerning the ſurrender of *Lundy*, the which I ſhall not only moſt willingly obey, but if your affection hath a deſire to ſee the Iſle, as I am informed by Major *Pomeroy*, I do here promiſe you, upon the faith of a Chriſtian, and the word of a Gentleman, you ſhall be heartily welcom both going and coming; for the Major hath given ſuch a Character of your worth and merit, as I deſire to be acquainted with ſo noble a nature, and ſhould have waited upon you my ſelfe, were it not for ſome reaſons this Gentleman can acquaint you from the

Servant of your Commands,

Lundy, 19 Novemb. 1646. T. B.

For his Honoured friend, Major Fienes *Preſent.*

Die Saturni, 31 Octob. 1646.

At the Committee of both Kingdoms at Darby *Houſe.*

ORdered, That whereas formerly leave was given to the Right Honourable Lord Viſcount *Say* and *Seale*, to Treat with Mr *Buſbel* about the rendring up of *Lundy* Iſland, and that this Committee did undertake to do their endeavours, that upon the ſurrendring the ſaid Iſle, the Delinquency of the ſaid Mr *Buſbel* ſhould be taken off, and he reſtored to his intereſt in the ſilver Mines: It is now Ordered, that all the Souldiers there with Mr *Buſbel*, ſhall have the ſame benefit of the endeavours of this Committee upon the ſurrender aforeſaid, to have their Delinquency taken off, they being not men of Eſtate, and they ſhall have liberty to goe to their own homes, and live there unmoleſted, they being obedient to the Lawes of the Kingdome, and ſubmitting to all Ordinances in Parliament: And that the Lord *Say* ſhall have time to continue to treat with them for 2 months after the expiration of the time formerly granted.

By Command of the ſame Committee.

Gaulter Froſt, Secret.

My Lord,

I Have received your Letter, and the Honourable Committees Order of both Kingdoms, by your hopeful Son, which ſhould be moſt willingly obeyed, could I relieve my loſſes, or cancel my obligations, wth the ſight of their good intentions, but if the Honourable Committee wil be pleaſed to procure the performance of my eſtate, and thoſe immunities I formerly ſent, here incloſed, by an Ordinance in Parliament, towards the payment of my juſt debts, and the proſecution of my publike imployments before my ſurrender, which as I am informed by Mr *Squire* who was imployed by the Commiſſioners of *Devon* to the ſame purpoſe, that their pious Charity have engaged their endeavours to accompliſh my humble deſires after my ſurrender, otherwiſe I muſt be forced through a conſtrained neceſſity, to beg leave of your Lordſhip for its conveniency, as the refuge of my fortune, to right my unſupportable ſufferings by Sea and Land, which hitherto I have patiently endured, and preſerved the place againſt all forreign oppoſitions at my own charge, without aſſiſtance from his Majeſty, or prejudice to any, as the countreys adjacent

adjacent will inform your Lordship: it being contrary to the disposition of my naturall inclination, for seeking a restauration from the ruines, that never injured me, but rather to wait upon the Parliaments justice, for satisfying my Creditors out of the demands of my mean fortune, which I am confident no man with an honest conscience can deny me; and for any other, I fear not the power of their greatnesse, knowing my resolution and innocence, is prepared to encounter their cruelties, were it the worst of evils, and not fear life, or that Delinquency, which lyalty to the King my Master hath laid upon me, when the consequence stands in competition with my reputation, as Orphans and Widdows are wanting of satisfaction. Be pleased therefore in your Lordships wisdome, as a prudent care to the Piety of peace, to recommend once more my civil requeſt, here inclosed, to the Honourable Committee of both Kingdoms, least the blood that may be spilt light not upon your Honour, nor your family, as upon those that hinder the progresse of so happy a Treaty; for some reasons, this Gentleman can better inform your Lordship by relation, then my selfe by a Letter, whom I sent on purpose, to know the Parliaments positive answer, least a dellatory Treaty should force me to fall into another famine, which Gods providence hath miraculously relieved me, when all the world had left me, and therefore I fear not what the malice of man can do to

Your Lordships humble Servant,

Lundy, 24 Nov: 1646. T B.

For the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Say *and* Seal.

Mr. Bushel,

THat which the Committee of both Kingdoms have undertaken, which was to take off all delinquency from your self, and those who are with you in the Island; and thereby all Sequestration of your estate, and a pardon for what hath been done since these wars, in respect of the war, or by occasion of that, I assure my self you may rest secured shall be done, if you will deliver me my own: And truly why I should suffer from my friend in my inheritance, I know not, neither doe I see the equity or justice of it: I have now an opportunity to do you a

good office, and having once set you *Rectus In curia*, I shall doe you pleasures in that which withall may be for the publike good: The King is now come to *Holdenby*, and you have kept that place when all others are rendred, as I think the longest: It will be just and Honourable for you now upon tearms, for your own Indempnity, in respect of what you have done, and those who are with you, to deliver it; and I pray be advised by me to do it. If you will buy that which is mine, give me 3000*li.* for all that is there, you shall have it, so you keep it, not to offend the State, which I think you intend not: if these either cannot be done, or you like it not, keep not from the Owner that which is his; let me know your resolution, and I then will send my Son thither, if you will render it upon the tearms the Committee have undertaken.

Your very loving Friend,

February 16. 1646.

W. Say *and* Seal.

For Mr. Bushel *at* Lundy.

My Honourable Lord,

YOur Noble Letter of advice is to me a Law, and your vertuous promise, to take me into your care of protection, is in my estimation a liberty above *Magna Charta*, or the strength of *Lundy*; and therefore your Lordship may rest assured of your inheritance delivered to your hopefull Son, upon the sight of his person, or satisfaction for the same according to your Honourable desires; for upon the faith of a Gentleman, my intention was never no otherwise, then to obey my Masters commands in keeping of the place, without prejudice of any, much lesse to your Lordship, other then to live retired, and see my poor Estate justly distributed towards payment of my debts, as his Majesty can bear me witnesse: And in regard your Lordship might discern the Candidnesse of my heart, and innocency of my soul, I have taken this great journey to kisse your hands, that I may have the Honour to wait upon your worthy Sonne back, and secure the state of my fidelity to his Majesty, and their

Honours,

Honours, of any future truſt repoſed, when I have given your Lordſhip reall ſatisfaction, according to your juſt demands, or take my leave of your Lordſhip, and wiſh you a better Tenant, I reſt,

Your devoted Servant,
T. B.

Commartin 24 *March*, 1646.

For the Right Honourable, the Lord Viſcount *Say*, and *Seal*.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Say *and* Seal.

VVE the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*, and neareſt borderers upon the Iſland of *Lundy*, do in all humility certifie your Lordſhip, that Mr *Buſbel*, ſince his abode in the ſaid Iſle in the times of the late war, hath been ſo far from oppreſſing us in any kind, that he hath been a means of ſome advantage to us by keeping the ſaid Iſland, and your Lordſhips inheritance out of the hands of ſome perſons, who (as we are credibly informed) would have made uſe of it to the prejudice of theſe and other parts of the Kingdome. And further, we are bold to certifie your Lordſhip, that the ſaid Mr *Buſhell* hath adventured great ſums of money to recover the deſerted and drowed Mines of *Commartin*, which is ſtrongly reported to be very hopefull by his means, and by his continued induſtry may prove very exceeding advantagious to the common good, and to theſe Weſtern parts in particular: now in regard ſome of our Neighbors, to whom he is indebted for certaine ſums lent to further him in his noble and great deſign, to recover the ſaid Mines; having received this annexed Letter from the ſaid *Mr. Buſbell*, and fearing that they and we ſhould be deprived of ſo good a neighbor, and ſo induſtrious for the publike good, do hereupon humbly intreat your Lordſhip (if it may ſtand with your convenience and good liking) ſtill to admit of his continuance in the ſaid Iſland, that ſo by his care and charge we may live ſecure, and by his knowledge and active diligence, bring the great work of the ſaid Mines, from hopes, to certainties. This is our humble requeſt in his behalf, if it be not in the matter of it prejudiciall to the State, or diſadvantagious to your Lordſhip.

William Cary.
George Cary, Rect. of Clovelly.
William Greenway, Minister.
Henry Prust.
Rich. Kinsam.
John Pollard.
John Sanders.
William Lange.
James Lile.
Nic. Shapley, Sen.
Nic. Shapley, Jun.
Ruben Laurence.
Ric. Tombe.
Hugh Nicolas.
Aughter Lyle, Sen.
Aughter Lyle, Jun.
Tho. Snow.
Peter Lye.
Jo. Shapley.
Ric. Cleverton.
George *Mungoy*, Curate.
Jo. Crange.
Tho. Velly.
Hen. Iuell.
Jo. Bagilhole.
George *Grigg.*
Jo. Way.
Justinian Yeo.
Ric. Bagilhole.
Jo. Nicholl.
Jo. Cook.
Jo. Band.
Francis Rowe.
Peter Rowe.
Tho. Rowe.
VVill. Mugford.
Ric. Crange.
Ric. Smith.
Jo. Husband.
Ric. Yeo.
Ric. Trick.
Tho. Cooke.
Jo. Band.
Antho. Luttrell.
Nic. Luttrell.
VVill. Heardwick.
Jo. Bishop.
Tho. Luttrell.
Jo. Lynthorne, alias *Loy.*
Nic. Pitton.
Jo. Skame.
Matthew Brooke.
Ric. Leach.
Abra. Bond.
Jo. Friend.
Jo. Juell.
Hugh Deymond.
Jo. Cooke.
VVilliam Prideaux.
Charles Yeo.
John Cocke.
With many hundreds more.

MY Lord, I have found Mr *Busbel* so much a Gentleman of his word, in the surrender of your Island of *Lundy* to me, according to his Excellency, and your Lordships Order, for the use of the Parliament; That upon *Thursday* last being the 24th of *February*, himselfe with his officers and souldiers took shipping for *Ilford Combe*, with purpose to imploy them in his chargeable adventures of recovering the dejected workes of *Commartyne* Mines, and his other Mineralls in *VVales*.

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The reality of which actions, together with the generall report of his Noble proceedings in his publique affaires, without taking contribution from the Countrey, or violence to any man, all this while he hath kept the said Island and Garrison of *Lundy*, (although the last in surrender) doth double oblige me to become an humble sutor to your Lordships, that if any man shall goe about to infringe the Ordinance of the Honourable House of Parliament, and his Excellencies agreement made with Mr. *Busbel* and your Lordship for restoring him his Estate, and taking off the delinquency of his souldiers, (whose names are here under-written) that it may be lookt upon as an act tending to the dishonour both of his Excellency and your Lordship, and therefore that both himselfe and they be thus far taken into your Lordships care of protection, which is the humble request of

Lundy 24th of *February* 1647.

Your ever dutifull Son,

Richard Fiennes.

May it please your Excellency

TO be informed, that according to your Commands, and Mr. *Bushels* promise, both me and my souldiers met him at the Kay of *Crovelly*, being the place appointed, and the nearest harbour to take shipping for *Lundy*, where we were forced to stay fifteen dayes for a winde, before we could arrive into the Road of *Lundy*; And his Lieutenant having notice that it was us by their Governour Mr. *Bushels* shooting off a pistoll, gave us at our landing a salutation with all his Guns, and a volle of shot, as an entertainment of friendship, and free welcome, which made me so confident of his former profest fidelity in surrendring the same, that both my self and my men marcht through his guard unto the Castle, commanding his owne men to remain in another house, lest the ignorance of some men on both sides might beget a difference through exchange of language, and mis-understanding of the truth; but so soone as they had understood the Kings consent for a surrender to the right Owner,

ner, and the Conditions made on their behalfe by their Governour Mr. *Buſhell* with your Excellency and my Lord, the morning tide following they tooke ſhipping for *Ilford Combe*, where he purpoſeth to imploy them in his chargeable adventures of recovering the diſtreſſed works of *Commartyn* Mines, and his other Minerals in *Wales*. The Garriſon being thus freely ſurrendred, with all things thereunto belonging, for Ammunition of Guns, and houſhold-ſtuffe, according to his engagement upon the word of a Gentleman, but having demanded of his Lieutenant Mr. *Richard Cock* what ſtore of proviſion was left in the Iſland, he replyed with a deep proteſtation, that for ſix moneths before Mr. *Buſhell* went over to treat with your Excellency, according to your Letter ſent by your Drummer, they nor their Governour had not eaten a bit of bread in ſix moneths, nor ſcarce drank a barrell of bear in two yeares, alleaging the occaſion was the Governours known loſſes by land and ſea, which cauſed divers of the Souldiers to decline the ſervice, upon his propoſall of eating horſe-fleſh. And made the hearts of thoſe that ſtayed the more willinger to endure all hardneſſe to obey his Commands, without treſpaſſing of any by land or ſea, were it to the loſſe of their lives; this integrity of theirs, and the honeſty of the Governour, as alſo his publique imployment in Minerals for the common good, being confirmed by the Countrey, makes me humbly preſent their names here under-written, as Officers and ſouldiers of the laſt Garriſon, and men that have done the leaſt of injuries, notwithſtanding their ſad condition, which I wiſh for the preſident of others, they may be lookt upon as the beſt of enemies that have Conditions from the Honourable Parliament, and your Excellency, I remaine

Lundy the 24th *Feb.* 1647.

Your devoted Servant,

Richard Fiennes.

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A List of those mens names which I found upon the ISLAND.

Tho. Bushell Esq. Governour.
Mr. *Rich. Cock* Liev. Gover.
Capt. *Edward Owen.*
Major *Rich. Pomeroy.*
Lieut. *Oliver Bouck.*
Rich. Kynsam.
William Gilbert. } Gunners.
John Scott. }
John Trout.
William Skinner.
Daniel Hanger.

Tho. Brayley.
Henry Battee.
James Bouden.
Samuel Shortridge.
Jo. Wheeler.
Jo. Thorne.
Geo. Gilbert.
Rich. Harris.
William Matheage.
Rich. Chinge.
Fra. Hobbs.

Copia vera. Richard Fiennes.

May it please your Excellency,

THe King my Master having commanded me to restore the Honorable Lord *Say* his Isle of *Lundy*, upon sight of his Lordships Letter to me directed the 16th of *February* 1646. and the Conditions propounded by your Excellency, with a wish from His Majesty, that would to God every man had his own, and then he should have some thing; which hath made me surrender the said Isle with all the Alacritie and freenesse to that noble Gentleman Mr. *Richard Fiennes*, according to your Excellencies Commands, as by his Letter here inclosed doth appeare; which makes me now descend into the bowels of the earth, for discovering mineral treasures, that by it through Gods providence I might have hope to redeem my late losses by sea & land, as none others should have share in the sufferings but your servant, upon confidence that your Excellency will free my servants imployed in so publike a work, for the cõmon good, from pressing, according to the intention & true meaning of the Honourable Ordinance of both Houses. The obligation whereof binds me not only to follow this harmles calling for the cõmon good, but esteem your Excellencies piety for preserving the poor

Miner

Miner from the rapine of an ill natur'd Commander in these times of civill warres, as the greatest benefactour that I seeke from the bounty of mortall man; all which I humbly submit to your Excellencies Nobleneſſe, and reſt,

Commartyn 11. *March.* 1647. *Your obliged Servant,* T. B.

WHereas I formerly ſent a ſafe conduct to *Tho. Buſhell* Eſquire to come and treat with the Lord Vicount *Say* and *Seale*, or my Self, about the Surrender of the Iſle of *Lundy*; And the two Houſes of Parliament, Ordered that upon the delivery of the ſaid Iſland, the delinquency of the ſaid Mr. *Buſhell*, and the ſouldiers upon the ſaid Iſland, ſhall be taken off, and he reſtored to his Eſtate with the Mines in *Wales*, *Devon* and *Cornwall*. And whereas I underſtand that he hath ſo farre proceeded in the Treaty with the Lord *Say* concerning it, that he is now ready to goe to *Lundy*, and deliver up the ſame ſo ſoone as the Lord *Say* ſhall appoint any perſon to whoſe hands the cuſtody thereof ſhall be committed, but propoſes he may have his freedome till he can recover the poſſeſſion of his Eſtate reſtored to him by Parliament; I conceiving it very reaſonable that he ſhould have ſome time to ſettle his Eſtate, and being not willing to agree to ſuch an uncertain limitation of time as is propoſed, have (for the reaſons aforeſaid, and for that his civill carriage, and endeavours to advance the publique, are certified from the Countrey) agreed to grant the ſame for the ſpace of ſix moneths. And therefore doe hereby give free liberty to the ſaid *Thomas Buſhell* to paſſe to the ſaid Iſle of *Lundy*, and to return to *London*, or continue there, or in other parts of this Kingdome, free from any arreſts, ſuits, or moleſtation whatſoever, for the ſpace of ſix moneths, to begin and commence from the time of the ſurrender of the ſaid Iſle, or to goe beyond the Seas, if he ſhall think fit ſo to doe. And all Juſtices of the peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Officers, Souldiers, and other perſons whatſoever whom it may concerne, are to take notice hereof, and conforme accordingly, as they will anſwer the contrary at a Councell of warre.

Given under my Hand and Seale the 30th *of* October, 1647.

At my Quarters at *Turneham Greene.*

Fairfax.

FINIS.